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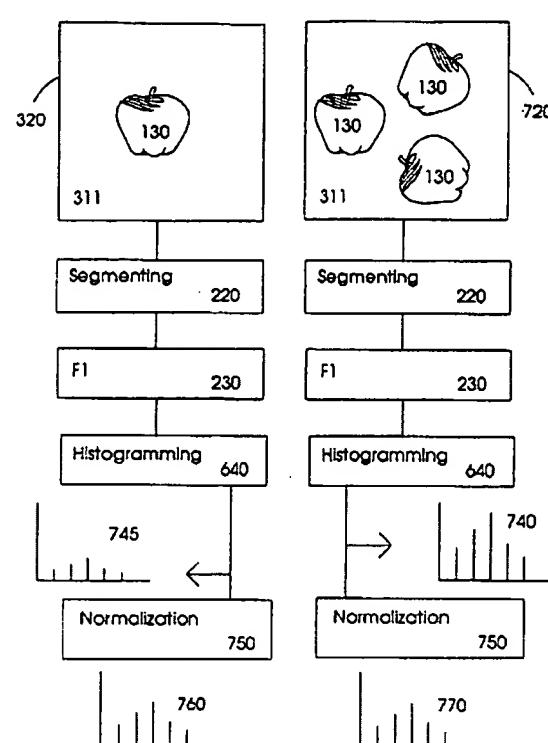
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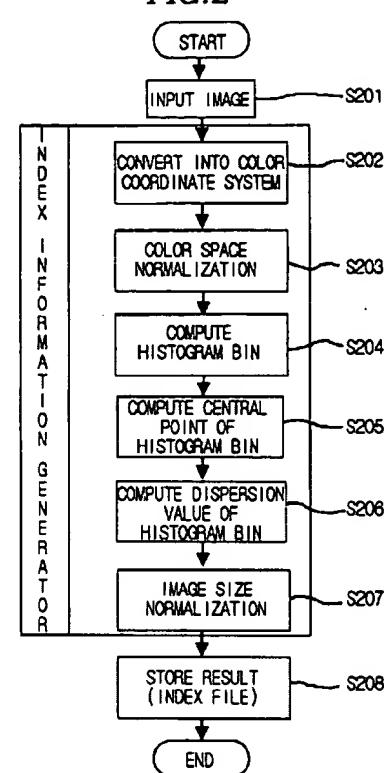
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FIG.2



Laid-Open Patent No. 8-249349 discloses pattern amounts (representative colors) of a plurality of block image. However, in this technique, the distance of two image blocks to be matched must be computed computation volume. When a representative color

three, i.e., R, G, and B data must be processed computations. Also, since comparison is made itself, high comparison precision can be obtained but obtained by a search even due to a change in a

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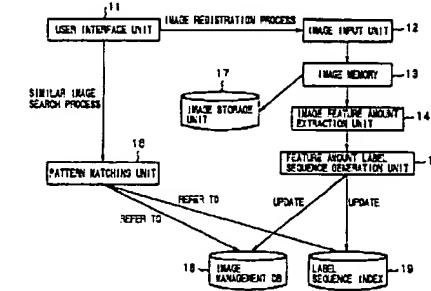
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ABSTRACT

An image feature amount extraction unit and feature amount label extract generation unit generate a label sequence from image data. An image management DB stores image data stored in an image storage unit and label sequences corresponding to the image data in correspondence with each other. A label sequence index register, in units of label's, image data including the label and the number of labels, which is stored in the image storage unit. Upon receiving a query image, the image feature amount extraction unit extracts label sequences which are similar to the label sequence of a query image to some extent from the label sequence index, computes similarities between the extracted label sequences and the label sequence of the query image, and outputs images, in which the computed similarity is caused a predetermined value, as search results.

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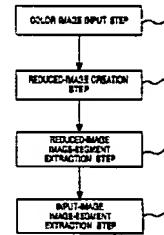
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## (37) ABSTRACT

A digital color image to be processed is inputted at a color image input step. Image segments are extracted from the input color image at an image-segment extraction step, and the date of the extracted image segments is created. Next, image-segment components in each extracted image segment are discriminated at an image-segment discrimination step, and each extracted image segment is subjected to screen processing, which conforms to the discriminated image-segment component, at an adaptive screen step, thereby creating a screened image of the input image. The screened image is output at a display step or is output at a hard copy or delivered to a transmission line at a color image output step. Accordingly, a color image in which image segments having different characteristics are mixed can be subjected to selective processing.

10 Claims, 55 Drawing Sheets



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be generated either in part or in its entirety appropriate user input interface (e.g., speech). Users can input to the camera the program description especially those high-level (or semantic) info difficult to automatically extract by the system parameters (e.g., date and time), as well as camera

(e.g., color histogram to be included in the program description scheme).

in generating the program description scheme. the system can browse the camera content, or transfer its description scheme to the local storage for it is possible to update or add information to the description scheme stored in the camera.

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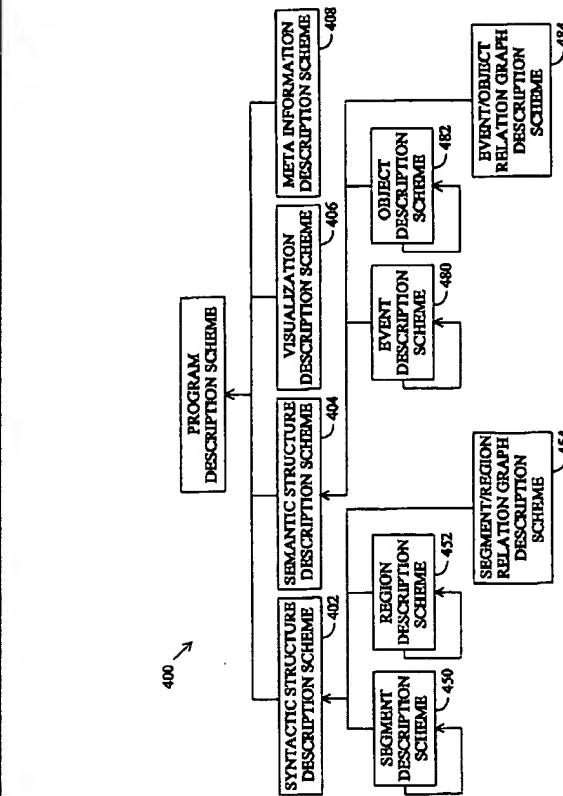


FIG. 12

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6185314 B1

TITLE: System and method for managing object model information

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 The features extracted for each region cluster moment features, contour features and color features have

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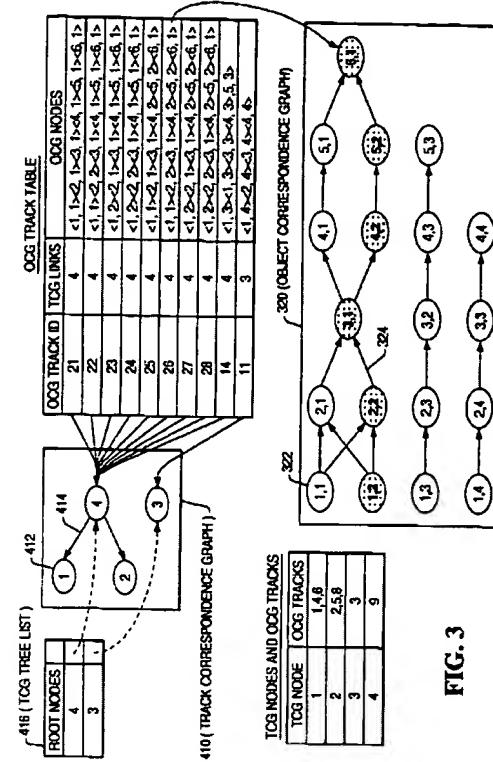


FIG. 3

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TITLE:

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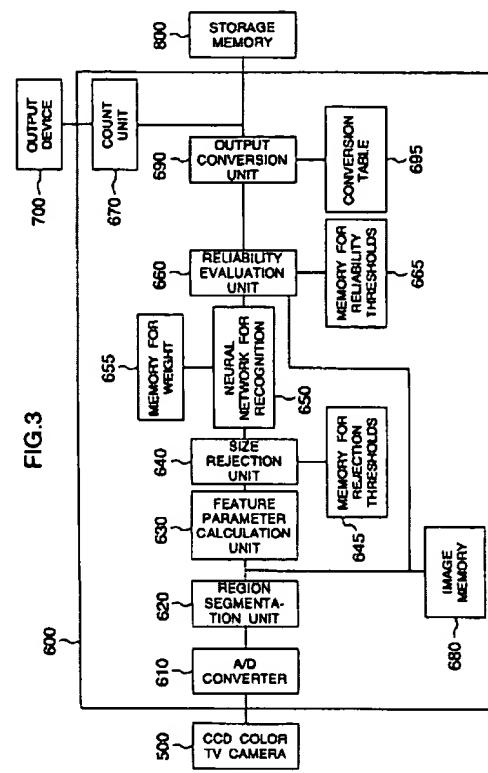


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TITLE: Image processing apparatus

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An example of a method of segmenting a color threshold-value method (see "Structuring of Color Partition Processing", Journal of Information Vol.

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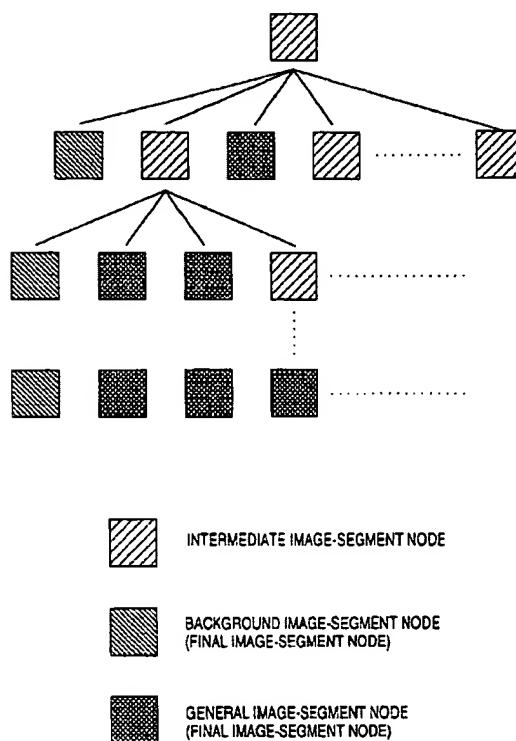
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FIG. 5A



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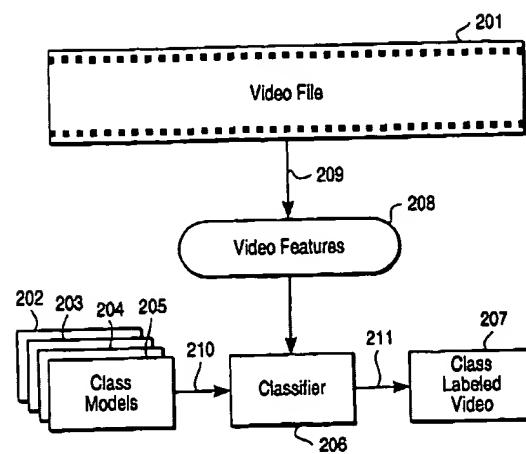
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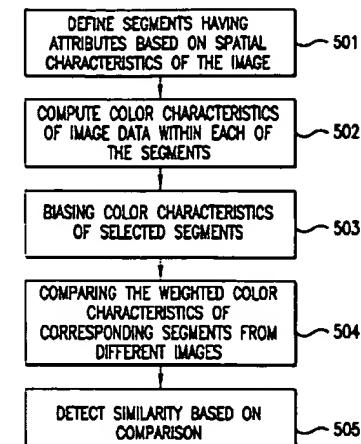
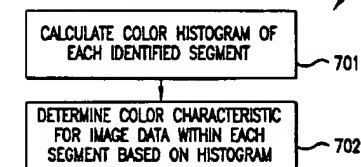
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 System and method for determining similarity among more than one image structure for enabling such determination.

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (11):  
 FIGS. 4A and 4B describe yet another conver-

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list 140 of shot boundary locations within the identified numerical frame number. Those skilled in the other frame comparison metrics can be used in either with the color histogram and pixel difference metric without departing from the scope of the invention. Further frame differences, absolute frame differences, histogram comparison, or any other function that

in the computed metric values across shot boundary level of activity within individual shots can be compared. A comparison function may be computed over the entire certain predefined spatial window within the frame multiple spatial segments within successive frames.

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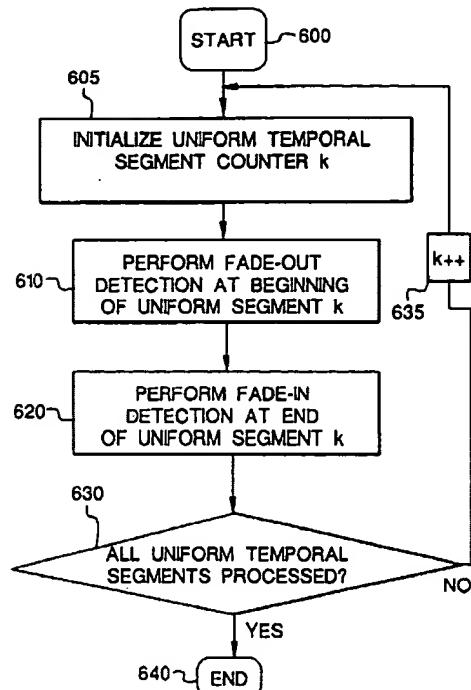


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TITLE: Method of using MPEG segmentation

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## Abstract Paragraph - ABTX (1):

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MPEG-7 Object-based Segmentation

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(54) METHOD OF USING MPEG-7 STANDARD IN  
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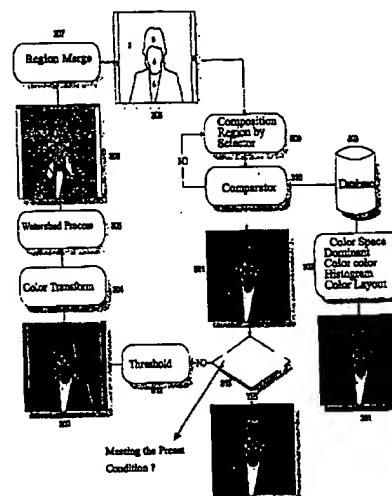
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The invention relates to a method of using MPEG-7 in object

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segmentation to extract a desired moving or still image

object. The method features extracting the frames of an existing video object Plan (VOP) by MPEG-7 technique and extracting the objects in MPEG-7 database according to input image from a plurality of objects by using the watershed process, comparing each of the plurality of objects to the stored object descriptor feature, and extracting the shape and position of the most similar object in the input image.



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- L4: (875) (feature\$1 with descript\$4) same segment\$5
- L5: (18) (feature\$1 with descript\$4) same segment\$5 same ((sound\$1 or audio\$1) with video\$1)
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